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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: ETA STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE DELIVERY OF YOUTH SERVICES

The Department of Labor has issued Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) [3-04](#) to inform states and local areas of the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) new strategic vision to serve out-of-school and at-risk youth under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

The ETA's vision recognizes, in part, that out-of-school youth (and those most at risk of dropping out) are a vital segment of the new workforce that will fill job vacancies in the knowledge economy. WIA-funded youth programs must provide these youth with quality secondary and postsecondary educations and prepare them for entry into positions in high-growth industries as well as other employment opportunities.

To achieve this vision, ETA will adopt a new strategic approach across four major areas:

- Focus on alternative education
- Meeting demands of business, especially in high-growth industries and occupations
- Focus on the neediest youth
- Focus on improved performance

The TEGL 3-04 provides information to state and local WIA systems on ETA's strategic vision for serving youth, the proposed focus areas, and the goals and critical strategies that federal, state and local youth workforce programs should be implementing for Program Year 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional Advisor](#) at (916) 653-6347.

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